Upon entering the SANCTUARY we ask that you be respectful of the people who wish to spend their pre-worship time in prayer and meditation. PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN AND CONVERSATIONS TO A MINIMUM. Thank You.

Our mission is to share the Good News of grace and love with all through worship, service, and fellowship.

"Our Vision: Joy is a spiritual community sharing the love of Christ in a challenging world".

Seventh Sunday Easter • May 12, 2024





Arr. Sandra Eithun

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- **G** Amen.
- Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.



The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

G Amen.

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

9 And also with you.

Refrain:

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. HYMN OF PRAISE: WOV # 607-"Glory to God"

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

WOV # 607-"Glory to God"

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE:

- Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

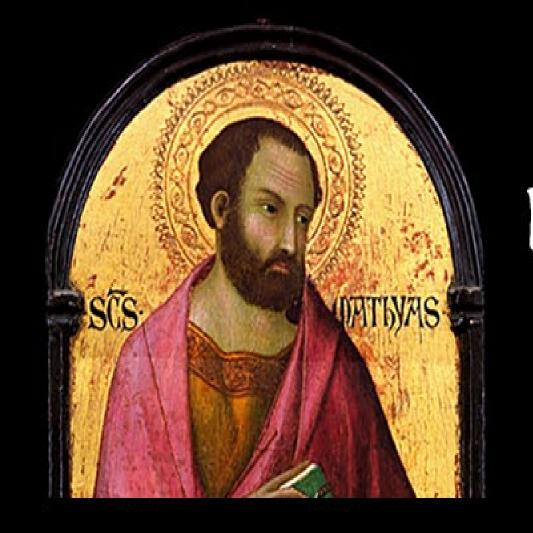
HYMN OF PRAISE: WOV # 607-"Glory to God"

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

- P Let us Pray.
- Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



To Replace or not to Replace? That is the Question!

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles



- P The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. R

The LORD knows the way of the righteous

PSALM: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

PSALM: Psalm 1

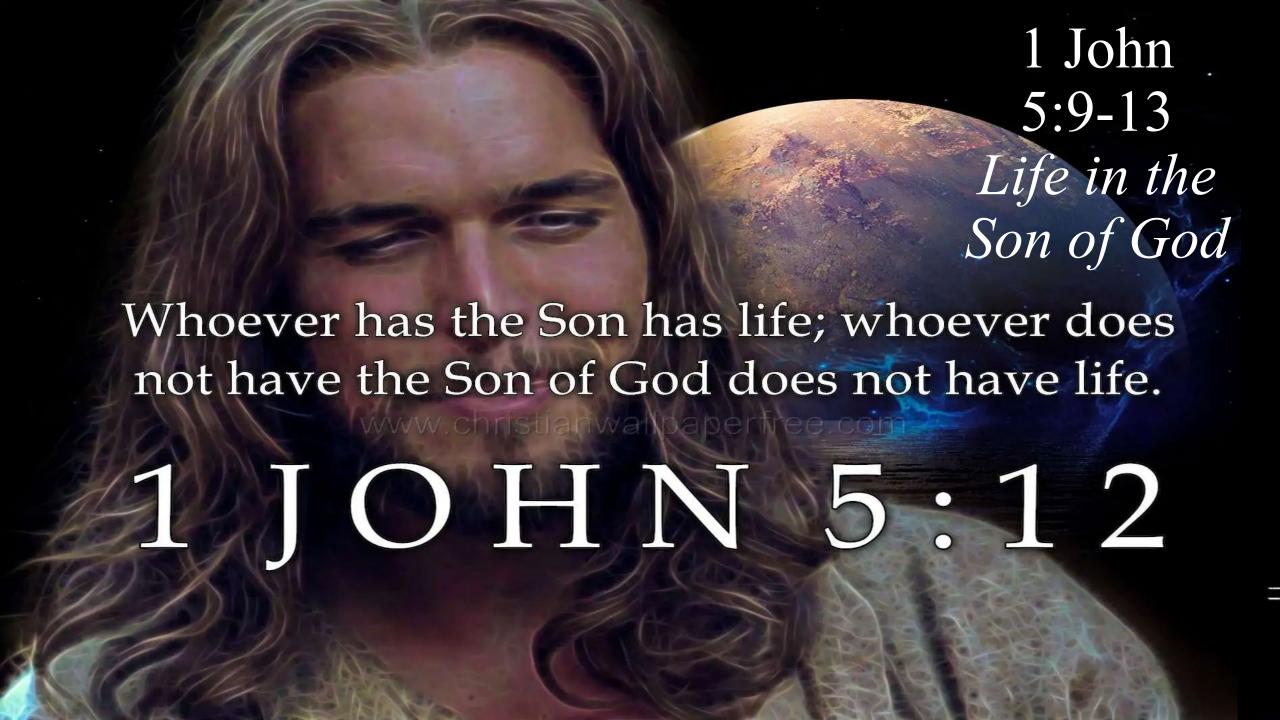
The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

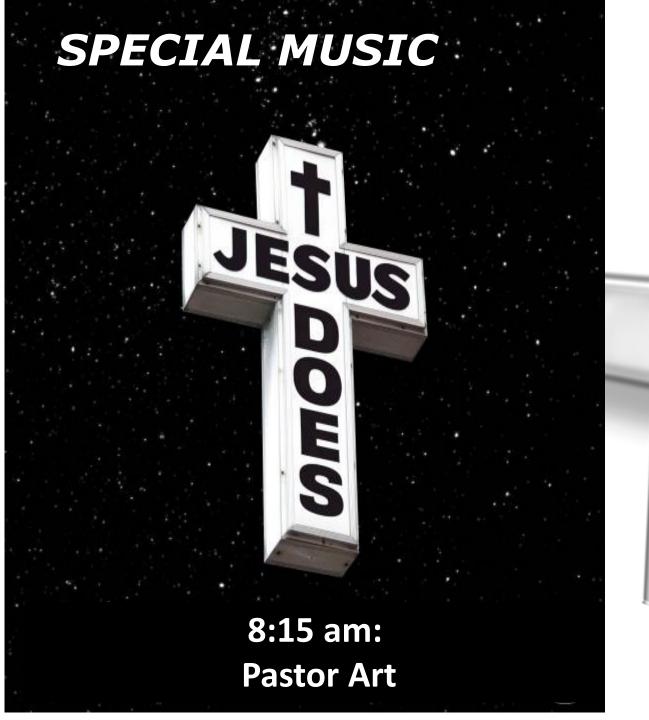
⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R

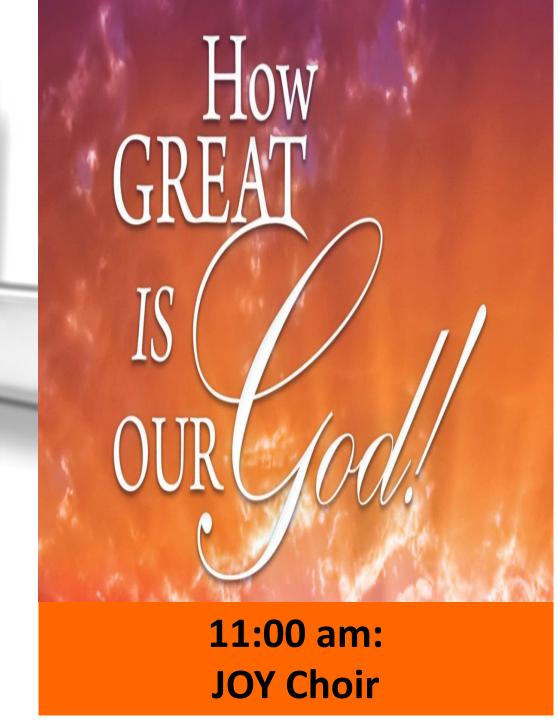
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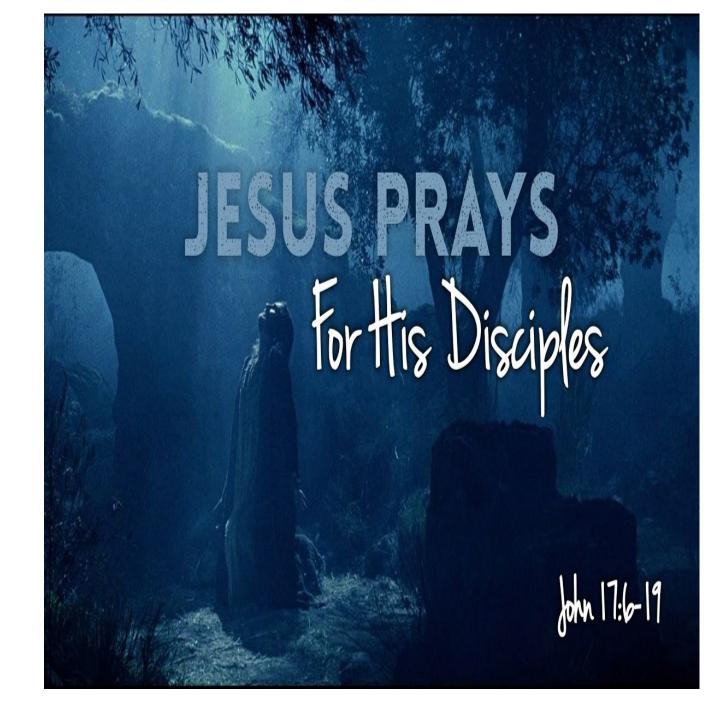
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

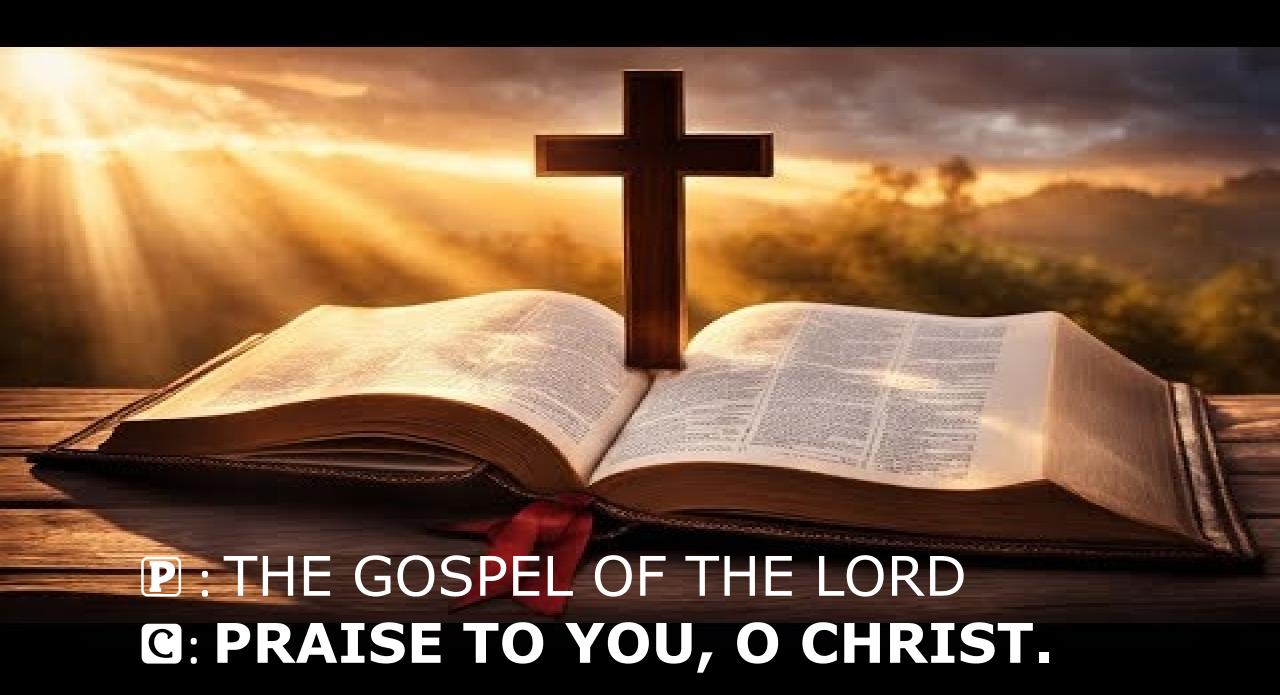
P The Holy Gospel according to

JOHN 17: 6-19

C Glory to you O Lord.

(Gospel is read)







TODAY'S MESSAGE GIVEN BY Intern Bob Bonamo



Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 482"I Come With Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 482"I Come With Joy"

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

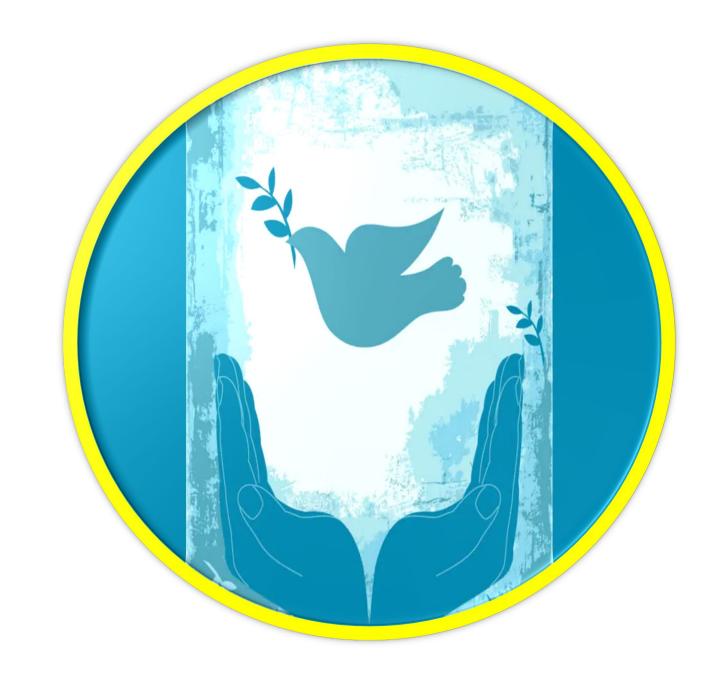
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Passing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

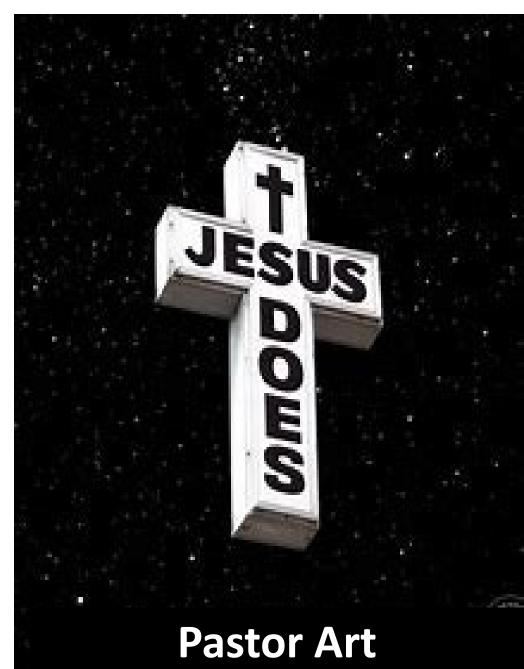
(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



8:15 AM 11:00 AM



OFFERTORY



We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord We bring the sacrifice of praise Into the house of the Lord And we offer up to You The sacrifices of thanksgiving And we offer up to You The sacrifices of joy

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P The Lord be with you.
- **9** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **9** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- O It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"It is indeed right...."



SANCTUS: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" - GATHER # 198

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

G AMEN

ALL baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table for the sacrament. Please proceed as directed by the ushers.

Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.

"LAMB OF GOD" ELW page 154—\$154

- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ELW # 781-"Children of the Heavenly Father"

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them. DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ELW # 781-"Children of the Heavenly Father"

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

ELW # 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word. ELW # 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

ELW # 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me.

Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about the break of day, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Refrain

And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.

Refrain

P The body and blood of our Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

G Amen.

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BLESSING:

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **G** Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW 857-"Lord I lift Your Name On High" Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

DISMISSAL:

- Alleluia! Go in peace.
 Rejoice and be glad.
- **G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:6-19

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